

- 1 The Championships will be conducted on behalf of Table Tennis England (TTE) by a sub-committee of the TTE Schools Committee.
- 2 The Committee will appoint a National Organiser, whose decision shall be final on all questions concerning the interpretation of these Regulations.
- 3 The Championships will be open to teams from all schools, academies and colleges (hereafter referred to as 'schools') in England, whether or not part of the State System.
- 4 Players representing a school must be full-time pupils at that school, except that a player transferring to another school may continue to represent the former school provided he or she was on the school roll when the Team List was received by the National Organiser, but no player may represent more than one school in the same Membership Year.
- 5 The country will be divided into seven Areas for Stage 1 (Area Finals) of the Championships and into two Regions for Stage 2 (Semi Finals); the initial composition of Areas may be amended by the National Organiser to take account of the entries received.
- 6 For each Area the Committee will appoint an Area Organiser, whose duties will include obtaining and equipping a venue and supplying the National Organiser with details of the teams qualifying for the Regional Finals.
- 7 For each Area the Committee will appoint an Area Organiser whose duties will include obtaining and equipping a venue and supplying the National Organiser with details of the teams qualifying for the Semi Finals.
- 8 At Area Finals and Semi Finals the relevant Organiser will act as Referee unless he or she has any connection with one or more of the competing teams, in which case the Committee will appoint a Referee.
- 9 There will be eight separate events, for boys and girls aged Under 11, Under 13, Under 16 and Under 19 on 31<sup>st</sup> August preceding the Championships.
- 10 No player may compete in more than one age group in the same Membership Year and at each stage of the Championships at least one member of each team shall be playing in the lowest age group for which he or she is eligible.
- 11 **In each event:**
  - 11.1 not more than one team from each Schools County may take part in the Area Finals except by invitation of the National Organiser;
  - 11.2 the winner of each Area plus the Runner Up in Area 1 (London Area) will progress to the Semi Finals;
  - 11.3 the winner and runner up of each Semi Final will progress to the National Finals.
- 12 For each team match, the team listed first in the schedule will be designated Team A and the other team will be designated Team B; each team shall then list its players in ranking order as A1, A2 etc or B1, B2 etc.

**13 In the Boys events:-**

- 13.1 a team shall consist of 4 players;
- 13.2 a team match shall consist of 8 individual matches, all of which shall be played, each being the best of 5 games;
- 13.3 the order of play shall be A1 v B2, A2 v B1, A3 v B4, A4 v B3, A1 v B1, A3 v B2, A2 v B3, A4 v B4.

**14 In the Girls' event: -**

**14.1 In the Girls U19 event a team shall consist of 2 players;**

- 14.2 In the U19 event a team match shall consist of 5 individual matches, all of which shall be played, each being the best of 5 games;
- 14.3 the order of play shall be A1 v B2, A2 v B1, doubles (A1/A2 v B1/B2), A1 v B1, A2 v B2.

**14.4 In the Girls U16, U13 and U11 event a team shall consist of 3 players;**

- 14.5 In the U16, U13 and U11 event, a team match shall consist of 7 matches, all of which shall be played, each being the best of 5 games;
- 14.6 The order of play shall be A1 v B2, A2 v B1, A3 v B3, Doubles (of which any pair can play with each other regardless of rank), A1 v B1, A2 v B3, A3 v B2

- 15 Two or more individual matches may be played at the same time at the discretion of the Organiser; where this results in a player having to play two individual matches in succession, he or she may claim an interval of up to 5 minutes between those matches.

**16 Play in all stages of the Championships will be on a group basis, where;**

- 16.1 all members of the group shall compete against each other and shall score 2 match points for a win, 1 for a draw and 0 points for a loss, unplayed or unfinished match.
- 16.2 the ranking order in the group shall be determined primarily by the number of match points scored; if two or more members of the group have scored the same number of match points their relative positions shall be determined only by the results of the matches between them, by considering successively the numbers of match points, the ratios of wins to losses first in individual matches (for a team event), then in games and in points, as far as is necessary to resolve the order;
- 16.3 if at any step in the calculations the positions of one or more members of the group have been determined while the others are still equal, the results of matches in which those members took part shall be excluded from any further calculations needed to resolve the equalities;
- 16.4 if after this procedure there is still equality between the two top-placed teams, their relative positions shall be determined by an individual doubles match in which any pair of their players may represent each team; where there is equality between teams other than the top two, they shall be ranked equally.

- 17 Each Schools County Representative (SCR) shall nominate by online entry only on Form T1 the events in which it will be represented and the names of the schools and send it to the National Organiser to arrive by the specified date, which shall normally be not later than 2 calendar months before the date of the Area Finals.

- 18 The online form, Form T1, shall be accompanied by the specified entry fee for each team, unless the completed form indicates that schools representing their SCR will be paying the fee themselves.

- 19 Each school nominated for the Area Finals shall complete the online form, Form T2, giving the names and dates of birth of eligible players in ranking order and details of the school and the teacher-in-

charge and send it to the National Organiser to arrive by the specified date, which shall normally be not later than 1 calendar month before the date of the Area Finals.

- 20 A team may submit to the National Organiser a ranking list of eligible players in advance of the Area finals. The Area Organiser will allocate a ranking for each player for their respective Area competition based on the information at the January Ratings list before their Area competition. From the Area finals onwards, the Area Organisers and National Organiser will use the January Ratings list to determine ranking order.
- 21 Every school team competing in the National Finals shall be accompanied by a member of the teaching staff of their school or other adult nominated by the school.
- 22 The Championships will be played in accordance with the TTE Regulations for Regulated Competitions.

Details of venues, dates, entry fees etc for current season are available on the TTE website under Schools Competitions.